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June 23, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

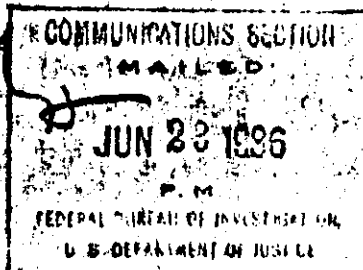
I am transmitting herewith photostatic copies of an anonymous communication, postmarked at Los Angeles, California, June 12, 1936, containing information relative to the activities of the Ku Klux Klan organization in the southern part of California, and especially in Los Angeles, California.

This is being furnished you for your information, and it is suggested that same be referred to the Los Angeles Police Department for any attention which it may deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #1145676



NONYMOUS COMMUNICATION

KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

Re: Black Legion investigation -

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Believe this extends into southern California, notably Los Angeles, incorporated Los Angeles County, which for years past has been particularly strong as K.K.K. organization

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in southwest portion - organized particularly by persons in civil office in and around the Gardena township area: 38763 Frank R. Carrell, for some years justice-of-peace of Gardena township (since 1930 - still incumbent as justice-of-peace of Inglewood township which recently incorporated Gardena township where man's family has lived for years), includes local chief of police, attorneys, L.A. County Sheriff's sub-station #3 at 1st 107th and S. Vermont Ave., for years controlled by John Neighbor as captain, now radio squad - complaints numerous but each time he was transferred until things blew over he was always put

there again among a similar group of deputies to intimidate complaining element of small home-owners and to protect the running (gathered in nightly truck-loads for running to the also constable's office (under Sheriff's office) controlled by C. also protecting liquor interests. L.A. attorneys claim they cannot take cases down there to defend account of this set-up. Capt. Croushorn, deputies R.E. Glass, C. Males, and others, especially Florence St. Sta., also protecting liquor interests in respective districts and holding local property owners intimidated - all upheld by Sheriff Eugene W. Biscailuz of L.A. County. See also L.A. County Public Welfare Commission minutes of meetings (dance-hall licenses in collaboration with sheriff's office) - 914 Hall of R. L.A., - Carrell's office and residence now at Inglewood; former Gard

And: The recent mobbing of Actor Wm. Haines by outside mob at night a



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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, in Charge,

U. S. Dept. of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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June 25, 1936

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Reverend Columban P. Kelly, O.F.M.,  
Mount Alverno Retreat,  
Harrick, New York.

Dear Father Kelly:

I have your letter of June 17, 1936, furnishing an expression of your opinion relative to the menace to the rights and security of citizens resulting from the crimes of violence which are being perpetrated by the Black Legion, and requesting that this Bureau take appropriate action in regard to this organization.

As you undoubtedly know, the jurisdiction of this Bureau is restricted by legislative enactment to investigating violations of specific Federal laws. Inasmuch as the activities of this organization do not appear to be in violation of any such Federal law, this Bureau is without authority to take any action in the premises.

However, I wish to thank you for your commendatory statements relative to this Bureau and assure you that it is indeed gratifying to know that this Bureau is receiving your blessings and ardent support.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Lester \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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MT. ALVERNO RETREAT  
WARWICK, N. Y.

6/26/36  
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June 17, 1936

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Dear Dr. Hoover:

I received your kind reply of June 14th to my letter concerning the crimes of violence perpetrated by the Black Legion. I have at hand the Work and Functions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation--among the things you so kindly sent me last year while I was in Montreal. It gives the information contained in your letter.

It may turn out that Senator Vandenburg will be instrumental in presenting evidence to the Bureau that the Black Legion will bear investigation because of the violation of the Civil Rights Statute. Certainly this organization is a far greater menace to our rights and security than the gangsters coming to the Senator; I know that he has already given time to the matter.

The newspapers carried the happy announcement that the agents of the F.B.I. will be eligible for a pension when they reach the retirement age. Good news. If and when the time comes for advocating a raise in salary for your associates I hope it will be my privilege to do my modest, tiny bit to contact the members in Congress. Your own well deserved raise in pay is a matter for congratulation. God speed you and your men in your work. I do not fail to pray every morning in my Holy Mass that you will succeed in your official duties. God bless you my good man.

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Sincerely yours,

Fr. Kelly

Columban F. Kelly, O.F.M.

JUL 6 1936

P.S. I follow your fine articles every month in the American Magazine.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Joseph
- Mr. Keith
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Quinn

on mention Black Legion



EAT:TMF

June 17, 1936.

Honorable Roy C. McHenry,  
United States Commissioner,  
Suite 501-4, 97-99 Collier Street,  
Binghamton, New York

My dear Commissioner:

I have received your letter of June 5, 1936, and appreciate receiving your observations concerning the progress which has been made by the Bureau, particularly with reference to the training of its Special Agents. I feel that the Bureau has made tremendous strides in this regard during the last several years.

I regret to advise you that I am unable to furnish you with information concerning the ultimate disposition made of the Thompson submachine guns which were taken from the Steamship East Side in 1921.

In the absence of some indication of a violation of a Federal Statute on the part of the members of the Black Legion, no investigation can be conducted by the Bureau into the activities of this organization and consequently, no investigation has been initiated up to the present time.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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ROY C. McHENRY  
Attorney and Counsellor -  
Suite 501-4, 87-99 Collier St.,  
Binghamton, N.Y.

June 5, 1936.

Hon. John Edgar Hoover,  
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I was pleased to get your letter and wish to thank you very much for the copy of "Classification of Fingerprints" and the pamphlets "The Federal Bureau of Investigation" and "The Selection and Training of Personnel", which I have read with a great deal of interest.

The Bureau has certainly made wonderful strides since I was on the job, in the training of agents. I remember one man who was appointed because he happened to run the elevator in a building where a congressman had his private law office. He turned out to be a good agent at that. But the special training along technical subjects is what appeals to me. I'd have reveled in the target practice. When I was in charge of the Scranton office, we used to do a little practice shooting, with pistols and revolvers, when we got a chance, but our supply of ammunition was limited and we had to tack or targets to fence posts.

Speaking of firearms, I have often wondered what became of the shipment of Thompson Sub-machine Guns which was taken off the steamship East Side, in 1921. Assistant Attorney General John E. L. Crimm put the quietus on the prosecution at Trenton, but the last I knew, the guns were still in the custody of the U. S. Attorney at Newark and it was altogether unlikely that anybody would claim them and run the risk of being indicted.

According to the papers, the Bureau is to go out after the Black Legion. It sound good but I can't figure out what Federal statute they can be prosecuted under. I studied a similar proposition with a view to prosecuting the Communists, when I was in the Criminal Division, and came to the conclusion it couldn't be done under existing law. If members of the organization go from one state to another, to avoid prosecution for an offense enumerated in the Federal Fugitive Act, they might be got that way, perhaps.

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At present people around here are not violating the Federal laws, at least no cases have come up before me since along in April.

Thanking you again for the pamphlets, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(S) Roy C. McHenry

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

June 15, 1936.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

Mr. Skoppeggia telephoned and stated that he contemplated several articles on the "Black Legion" and wanted to know if any data could be furnished by the Bureau. I informed him that this was a purely local matter; that there was no federal violation involved and, therefore, the Bureau had no information concerning the "Black Legion."

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn.

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# United States Senate

Washington, D.C.,

June 19 1936

Respectfully referred to

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Nathan .....  
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Respectfully,

Augustine Lonergan

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July 3, 1936

Honorable Augustine Lonergan,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I have your informal memorandum of June 19, 1936 referring for my consideration, the letter of Dr. B. C. Marantz of Stamford, Connecticut dated June 18, 1936 in which he makes inquiry relative to an investigation of the activities of the so called "Black Legion".

Inasmuch as the activities of the organization referred to by Dr. Marantz do not appear to constitute the violation of any Federal Law within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, I have advised Dr. Marantz that this Bureau is without authority to take any action in the premises.

I am therefore returning herewith for your file the letter of Dr. Marantz, together with the circular attached thereto, and a copy of my reply to him.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

COPY

June 18th 1936.

Hon. Augustine Lonergan,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator Lonergan;

I take the liberty of calling your attention to the enclosed circular which was handed to me on the street and want to take this occasion to inquire whether there is any investigation pending this most disgraceful so called "Black Legion" which should never be allowed to breathe the air of this great country of ours. I am not an anarchist and far from being a communist. Neither can the Socialist party claim any of my votes; but I'll be darned if a fellow isn't driven to extremes by the existence of such a menace. It reminds one of the book written by Sinclair Lewis; "It can't happen here". One must certainly take his hat off to that great writer whose predictions are short of that of a prophet and who has an uncanny sense of judging the human race.

It seems to me that our political fathers are turning a deaf ear to it; is it because of the coming elections or because of the pending adjournment of Congress? It seems to me to be international in scope. Is there any talk about it in Washington? There is some talk about the Liberty League and William Randolph Hearst being behind this scandalous affair.

Hoping to receive your reply and thanking you I am,

Very respectfully yours,

/s/ B. C. Marantz, M.D.

65 South Street,  
Stamford, Conn.

P.S. - This sheet as you will notice was printed  
in one of our main cities; New Haven.

# Unmask The Black Legion!

## Unite Against Reaction and Fascism

### To The People:

Startling revelations have taken place these last few days! An organization of night riders, vigilantes, murderers, bombers, and arsonists have been exposed. In Wayne County, Michigan, this organization had its beginnings and numbered thousands of members. However, it claims to be a NATIONAL MOVEMENT WITH BRANCHES IN CONNECTICUT AND MASSACHUSETTS AS WELL. IT IS THEREFORE A STATE AND NATIONAL MENACE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY.

The "Black Legion" is blood brother to the Ku Klux Klan, of Hitler in Germany, and Mussolini in Italy.

The "Black Legion" murdered dozens of men. One was a W.P.A. worker—a Protestant who was married to a Catholic girl. He opposed the Black Legion. It is claimed that the Black Legion burned Father Coughlin's Church. It is claimed that the Black Legion was responsible for killing a worker in Lincoln Park, Michigan, who was a firm believer in trade unionism.

The "Black Legion" is ANTI-COMMUNIST, ANTI-CATHOLIC, ANTI-JEWISH, and ANTI-NEGRO. So is the Ku Klux Klan. So is Hitler in Germany. Last week, Hitler arrested 50 nuns and friars—and is sending them to concentration camps together with Socialists, Communists, Jews, and trade unionists.

The "Black Legion" was preparing to set up an open reactionary, fascist dictatorship in America. It was going to smash and wipe out DEMOCRACY.

How does it come about that Republican candidates for office in the State of Michigan SPOKE BEFORE BRANCHES OF THE BLACK LEGION?

How does it come about that McCrea, Wayne County prosecutor, a Republican—SIGNED A MEMBERSHIP CARD IN THIS SINISTER, MURDEROUS OUTFIT?

The facts and connections of this murder gang are so alarming, that ALL WORKERS, FARMERS, MIDDLE CLASS PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF RACE, RELIGION, CREED OR POLITICAL VIEWS, MUST BE AWAKENED TO THE DANGERS THAT BESET US!

These Hitlerite storm troops are a menace to all liberty-loving people. There is no doubt that these dupes who bought a black gown and skull cap for \$7.50 (cost 75 cents) were being used as tools by higher ups. WE MUST DEMAND TO KNOW WHAT WERE THE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE BLACK LEGION AND THE OPEN-SHOP MULTI-MILLIONAIRE AUTO BARONS? Who are the financial backers of this fascist movement in America?

like the Black Legion, stand for destruction of the movement. They, like the Black Legion, stand for suppression of all freedom of speech, press, and assembly. They, like the Black Legion, stand for racial and religious hatred. They and the Black Legion are plotting to set up a Fascist dictatorship in the United States. KNOW YOUR FATHER BY THE CHILD!

These are the real Night Riders, the organizers, financial backers of budding American fascism! And the political party is the same as that of the Black Legion: Republican Party of Landon and Knox and Vandenberg and Hoover.

We must be ever vigilant! THE PRICE OF LIBERTY IS ETERNAL VIGILANCE, said the immortal Thomas Jefferson. We must be ON GUARD constantly.

### DEMAND ACTION BY ROOSEVELT, CUMMINGS AND CONGRESS

Demand the Roosevelt administration use the Bill of Rights to protect the minorities against whom the Black Legion has directed its terror.

Demand that Roosevelt set Attorney General Cummings and J. Edgar Hoover into action against the rappers and murderers of the poor.

Instead of wasting \$50,000 investigating the people's movement for the Townsend Plan (old age pensions) the greatest need of the moment is to expose before the world the Black Legion—its murderous activities, supporters! Demand an immediate Congressional investigation and action by the Department of Justice against the murder band who is operating in fifteen to twenty states.

We, the Communist Party, call upon all people, Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, and Negro workers to UNITE TO DEFEAT REACTION!

We urge all labor and progressive organizations to send immediately resolutions to President Roosevelt, Attorney General Cummings and to Congress demanding federal action.

Defeat the Landons-Hearst-Liberty Leaguers who would do legally what the Black Legion is trying to do illegally.

WIPE OUT RACE HATRED, ANTI-SEMITISM, AND RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES!

UNITE FOR BETTER CONDITIONS!

Smash the Black Legion! Expose its backers! Unite to build a people's movement against fascism and war—build the FARMER-LABOR PARTY!



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June 27, 1936.

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Mrs. Ethel Abell,  
1508 West Ohio Street,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Madam:

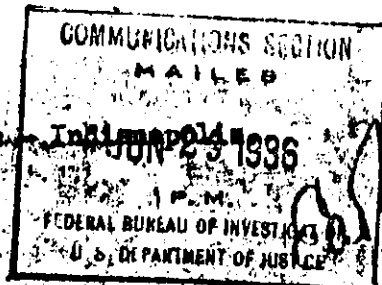
I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 19, 1936, advising that for many years you have been tormented by a group of persons who you believe may be connected with the Black Legion, and requesting that this Bureau furnish you adequate protection against these persons.

For your information, the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is restricted to investigating violations of specific Federal laws. In view of the absence of any indication that the activities of the persons to whom you refer are in violation of any such Federal law, this Bureau is without authority to take any action in the premises.

The matter appears to be one of purely local nature and therefore solely within the jurisdiction of the appropriate law enforcement officials of the State of Indiana.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.





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Indianapolis, Ind.  
June 19, 1936

J. Edward Hoover  
State Justice Office  
Washington D.C. 61-7398-97

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
JUN 22 1936 P.M.  
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir -  
I am writing to you so  
as to inform you of some  
persons that I wish to  
be connected with. The  
Black Legend night  
riders. I have been pester-  
ed for a good many  
years by them and have  
lived in torment by  
them and their followers  
at all times day and night.  
I am never rid of them  
to Pester & Torment me

mind; what I want to  
say is this, that I believe  
damnable my former  
Husband is at the  
bottom of it, he has  
sworn he would kill  
me and he has tried to  
a good many times,  
he has made a good  
many trips to my house  
thru out the years we  
have been separated  
at night and tried to  
lure me out, he tells  
me that I am on the  
spot that the night  
riders will get me,  
some of the things  
that my pastors do

are as follows, swings  
self over roof kick out  
glass or screen who  
ever is in window,  
always has some one  
to move in neighbors to  
me that I am down my  
fences or through a  
ball or rock through  
the windows and pester  
me most every way they  
can think of, I have  
called the police some  
times that they tell me  
they are tired of me  
calling them the police  
never find the ones  
that do the dirty work  
they are in the clear

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by the time the police  
get there, I have reported  
them more times than  
I do to juvenile officers.  
it does no good, I have  
reported them to school  
principals it does no good  
that is why I believe  
there are a gang of them  
funding against me.  
I married this man Alan  
Abell in 1912 I have  
stood God now who  
every service, but it  
seems to me it has  
been worse since 1919  
a man that boarded at  
my house in 1921 passed  
out of this life supposed

To have Killed Him Self  
I was in a dying condition  
at that time my self  
some one said I was poisoned  
or doped, when I was in  
that condition a good  
many strange men  
came they claimed I  
did not know who I was  
they said the people that  
raised me was not my  
parents they acted like  
they was taking my finger  
prints I guess they did.  
different strange men  
at different times come  
there they compelled  
me to sign papers made  
me sign them when



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I was in a dying condition  
And could not even see  
who I was signing  
They said some of the  
Papers was money coming  
to me and I would have  
to sign before I could get  
it, And the Others They  
said was names of women  
They claimed I was then  
said they wanted to com-  
pare it with their hands  
write to see which one  
of them I was, Others  
came in and told me  
of things I should of  
done or said, things  
that I never did do or  
some of those men



Claimed to be State men  
then said uncle Sam  
sent them. Others claimed  
to be gangsters they made  
threats on me and my  
family some of them did.  
there is too much of it  
for me to write in one  
letter. A neighbor woman  
by the name of Ella  
Williams she now lives  
at 1430 Aster St. This city  
Indianapolis Ind. she  
came with most of those  
strange men I thought  
she brought them there  
that also is a part of  
it I do not understand  
she also knows my

Former Husband Horrell  
here are some of the  
reasons I could not live  
with him, he would  
spend days at a time with  
bad women lay around  
saloons & drunk try most  
of the time when he  
was with me to kill me  
made a nervous wreck out  
of me he told me that  
he poisoned his first  
wife, he said he killed  
a negro he used to put  
himself to sleep with  
calomel, because he,  
could not sleep other wise  
they would send strange  
men around my house

to do their Rattling, about  
 2 or 3 years ago a strange  
 man come to my house  
 I opened the door he came  
 in and said he was a stole  
 man that would send  
 him he pulled out papers  
 out of a bag to try to convince  
 me. I told him I was not  
 interested I ask him what  
 he was there for he wanted  
 to stay all night but did  
 not have the money to pay  
 room rent I told him I  
 could not keep him. I  
 ask him who he was  
 he said he was Hove  
 Chappell said he  
 gave readings of

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Effie Repp's Spiritual  
Schurch ad 1426 After so  
I said spiritual readings.  
he said no you no need do  
not come back and talk  
I ask him why she did  
not keep him if he gave  
readings there, when I  
finely got him out and  
he was on the porch he  
started telling who of my  
family would be the  
next to die, he said to  
me, you no' old man  
hill don't you, he said  
g... go I went in the  
house and did not listen  
to what he was saying  
to say.

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11  
I do wish you would find  
some way to stop those  
human rats from pestering  
me and doing damage to  
my property. I've had fire  
to it, I told the city police  
also state police about Hor  
Abell saying he killed his  
first wife. The city police  
that I talked him me the  
Ho, Ho and said they did  
not want him they said  
to me now you would not  
want him electrified  
would you. I went to the  
state police and told them  
my tale of woe and one  
of them said, The short  
guy said they did not



12  
Ward Han Abell. he said  
Hon Abell was a friend of  
his, time and again I have  
told the Police, but of no  
avail, so I can not help but  
think that you have got  
a set of right riding  
Block Beggars here in  
Indianapolis, bleeded by  
J. H. Perkins a negro  
fortune teller who told  
me several years ago that  
he was going to get  
me for Abell or sell  
me Ella Williams that  
I was telling you about  
had me go with her  
to this fortune teller by  
the name of J. H. Perkins



13  
What you will, he got of  
1921

he then lived but does  
not now on Blake St.  
right off of Indiana  
he told me that Abell  
had me poisoned, he  
said I was dying. I  
went to a doctor he also  
told me I was dying.  
This J. H. Perkins he said  
he had been trying to  
get me for Abell and  
when he could not he  
he was killing me,  
I think he tried  
casting some kind of  
a black jama on me  
There are two things  
that I would like  
for you to do for me

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One of them is to stop  
those human rats  
some way or other and  
find out for me for  
sure if I am my self or  
some body else

Signed

Mrs Ethel Libell  
1508 W. Ohio St,  
Indianapolis,  
Ind.

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61-7398-98

June 17, 1936

Honorable William I. Sirovich,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter of June 2, 1936, transmitting a letter addressed to you under date of May 31, 1936 by Bertram Hopper of 112 West 61st Street, New York City. I have noted from your letter that Mr. Hopper claims to be in possession of information regarding the activities of the Black Legion and other alien forces. I regret to advise you that because of a complete absence of any indication of a violation of a Federal Statute within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau on the part of members of the Black Legion, no investigation can be conducted by this Bureau into the operations of that organization. A careful review of Mr. Hopper's letter fails to disclose any evidence indicating a violation of any Federal Statute within the Bureau's jurisdiction and accordingly, I am unable to take any action with reference to his letter. I would suggest to you that if Mr. Hopper possesses information concerning the illegal activities of aliens within the United States, he bring his information to the attention of the officers of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The letter from Mr. Hopper which accompanied your letter is herewith returned.

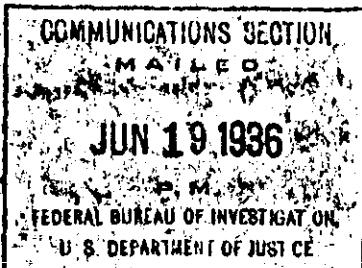
With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
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June 2, 1936

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Chief, Division of Investigation,  
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My dear Mr. Hoover:

A few days ago I was interviewed by  
Mr. Betram Hopper whose letter I am inclosing to you.  
He has advised me that he has in his possession  
secret information regarding the work of the Black Legion  
and other alien forces that are at the present time at  
work against President Franklin D. Roosevelt. I  
thought you would be rendering a commendable service  
if you would request one of your representatives  
in the City of New York to send for Mr. Hopper and see  
what information he has to give to you that might be  
utilized by your Department.

With every good and kind wish to you,  
I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

*William I. Sirovich*  
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